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Applicants : Uwe Sonnewald et al.
Application : 09/558,284 Confirmation No. : 8936
No.
Filed : April 25, 2000
For : 2-DEOXYGLUCOSE-6-PHOSPHATE (2-DOG-6-P)
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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REPLY
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply supplements applicants' May 20, 2003 and November 20, 2003 response to the November 20, 2002 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on May 20, 2003. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for an extension of time for submitting this Amendment and Reply to

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the Final Office Action. With the extension, the time for filing a response is extended up to and including December 22, 2003.¹

Applicants request amendment of this application to place the application in better form for allowance:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

¹ The deadline for reply is December 20, 2003, which falls on a Saturday. According to 37 C.F.R. §1.7 (a), the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day, which is December 22, 2003.